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## Holderfield 'lights up' Elba for annual Fourth of July celebration

by Jack West, Intern

Some people collect stamps in their free time. Others build model ships. Some people paint, read or watch TV.

Mike Holderfield uses his free time to lob colorful explosives in the air.

For the past five years, Holderfield, age 63, has put together the fireworks shows for Elba's Let Freedom Ring celebrations. He said he has been interested in fireworks since he was a kid but only recently began to take it seriously.

"At the house on Fourth of July, I would try and do a little fireworks here and there, but I was just kind of disappointed in the outcome," Holderfield said. "So, around 2011, I joined a group called Deep South Pyrotechnics."

This was the first of many

online and in-person groups that Holderfield has joined that are dedicated to helping amateur pyrotechnicians.

"It was a lot of guys, a few women, and we all got together in the interest of pursuing better shows," he said. "We did group shoots so we could all provide product; we could do a big shoot without it breaking us all."

It was in groups like this that Holderfield learned the details of putting together a big fireworks show. He bought an electronic firing system and began to plan his shows in the way that a director stages a play.

"It's kind of a pyro-musical," he said. "You want to kind of let things lull and then hit them with a hard one. You try to choreograph and put a show together."

Then, when Holderfield attended his 40th high

school reunion, he offered to do a show for his former Elba High School classmates. From there, he said he got a call asking if he would do the fireworks shows for Elba's Fourth of July celebrations.

"I started looking at it and said, 'Well, it's my hometown. Fireworks are pretty pricey, and they can't really afford this,'" Holderfield said. "So, I kind of gave them a figure that I thought they could afford which helped pay for the stuff, it didn't cover it, but I decided that the rest of it would be my contribution to the town."

Giving back is a big theme in Holderfield's pyrotechnic hobby. His two biggest shows are the one in Elba and one for New Brockton high school's



Native son Mike Holderfield over the past five years has become Elba's own personal fireworks man for the Fourth of July as he has delivered jaw-dropping, awe-inspired blasts in the sky to help locals celebrate Independence Day. Those who have watched the fireworks show presented by Holderfield in Elba each Fourth of July say his presentation could rival any professionals, any where... it is just that good, according to the locals. That is why the Let Freedom Ring fireworks display in Elba has become one of the area's most anticipated as July rolls around each year. For Holderfield, it's a fun hobby. For the people of Elba, it's fun and exciting to watch. For all, it's a colorful match made in the sky.

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### Set to take effect in November 2020

## Elba City Council approves ordinance for salary increases for mayor and councilmember positions

by Jack West, Intern

The Elba City Council adopted an ordinance Monday night, July 8, which will set the mayor's and councilmembers' salary for the next four years.

Currently, the mayor receives \$14,400 annually and councilmembers receive \$3,600 annually.

Beginning in November 2020, the mayor's salary will be \$20,000 annually, and councilmembers' will be paid \$4,800 annually. These pay raises track with inflation rates since 1996, the year that the current salaries were set, according to Mayor Mickey Murdock.

The ordinance [read in entirety on Page 6 in public notices section] also said the mayor's and councilmembers' salaries will increase based on the amount of training they receive to become a Certified Municipal Officer. The mayor could make a total of \$23,600, and councilmembers could make a total of \$6,000 if they go to the maximum amount of training.

According to Murdock, these potential raises for the city's elected officials are to encourage them to take their position seriously.

"We've got to raise the expectations of what the elected leaders do," Murdock said. "They need to be managers, not just the popular people."

This ordinance was tabled at the Council's meeting two weeks ago because of concerns about reimbursing elected officials for the

price of the training classes.

Also during Monday night's Elba Council meeting, Police Chief Leslie Hussey told council members that the police department did not have any further information about the broken windows at the Rabbit Hole, a downtown restaurant located on Factory Street.

The damage to the front door of the building was reported Monday morning shortly after 8 a.m. It appeared something had been thrown through the stained-glass window of the front door causing the property damage. This incident is under investigation.

Ed Kelley, grandmaster of the Elba Masonic Lodge,

was given temporary permission by the council to begin working on a historic marker for the site of the first Masonic Lodge in Elba. The first lodge was located behind the old jail, where the community giving garden is now.

This temporary permission is the first of many steps that the lodge will have to take to erect a historic marker. After this, the local Masons will have to receive permission from the Alabama Historical Association and get final permission from the city once the wording and placement have been finalized.

The Elba City Council will next meet Monday, July 22, at 5:30 p.m.

## Coffee County officials arrest Florida man in ongoing theft of property case

Local officials arrested a Florida man last week believed to be the suspect in a Coffee County theft of property case reported in May.

According to Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, a theft of property report was taken May 17, 2019 from a victim on Coffee County Road 223, Elba. He said the victim said that on or about April 17, 2019 a payment for a bill was placed in her mailbox, and the check was written for \$37.44. However, when the check cleared the bank, the victim said it had been altered to the amount of \$875.00 along with the payee name.



Rhodes

During this investigation, Whitworth said Coffee County investigators discovered that similar incidents had occurred in surrounding jurisdictions. This led to a joint effort between Coffee County, the Enterprise Police Department, Dothan Police Department, Ozark Police Department, Walton County Sheriff's Office, and the DeFuniak Springs Police Department.

On Tuesday, July 2, investigators posted information on the Coffee County Sheriff's Office Facebook page in reference to the case, along with pictures of a suspect. That same day, a call to the Enterprise Police Department led police to Marco's Pizza in Enterprise where the suspect, Charlie James Rhodes, was identified as the suspect believed responsible for the Coffee County theft of property case.

Rhodes, age 40, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., was arrested and charged with forgery - third degree and theft of property - third degree. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail.

As the investigation continues, the agencies involved expect additional charges could be filed, according to Chief Whitworth.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department arrested an Elba woman Friday morning, July 5, for stealing a vehicle - a sheriff deputy's patrol vehicle.



Corie Lamb

According to information from Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, a deputy noticed a woman, Corie Alexander Lamb, age 31, of Elba, walking along the roadside of County Road 422 early Friday morning. He said the deputy stopped to see if he could assist Lamb, and she said she was walking to her grandmother's house.

Allegedly, after the grandmother refused to let Lamb stay at her house,

Lamb asked the deputy if he could transport her to a residence on County Road 406. Whitworth said the deputy was attempting to see if anyone was at that residence, when Lamb allegedly crawled from the back seat to the front of the deputy's vehicle [through a vent hole], and she drove away on the vehicle.

## Coffee County Commissioners approve matters dealing with Ben E Keith project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The recently announced Ben E. Keith project in Coffee County [near New Brockton] received a bit of attention Monday morning,

A short time later, deputies found the vehicle and Lamb at a gas station on the U.S. Highway 84 bypass in Elba where Whitworth said she was arrested and charged with theft of property - first degree. As of press time this week, she remained in the Coffee County Jail.

Chief Whitworth said the deputy's vehicle suffered no damage in the incident, all equipment was intact.

July 8, during the Coffee County Commission meeting.

The project had previously been referred to as "Project X" during commission meetings when matters were discussed regarding it leading up to and before the official project announcement as the end of June.

County administrator Rod Morgan said there needed to be a revision to the existing project agreement with Ben E. Keith to provide for access off of County Road 516 for the project regarding acquisition of additional land. Some of that land, according to Morgan, could be donated land provided Ben E. Keith meets certain criteria. He said the donation of land, if applicable, would be funded through Covington Electric Cooperative.

Commissioners also approved abatements regarding the Ben E. Keith project during Monday's meeting. They voted to approve a 100 percent abatement of sales and use tax during the construction phase of the project, and after that, a 50 percent abatement of ad valorem [abatable noneducational taxes] taxes for 20 years.

Commissioners approved a request to appoint Mary Katherine Head to fill the remainder of a term on the E911 board for Elba being vacated by William Worthington. This board appointment is good through July 2022, according to Dean Blair, E911 chairman.

### --- Flags for Forgotten Soldiers ---

The banner picture this week "Flags For The Forgotten Soldiers" [at the top of the page] is to remind each of us that there is an average of 660 military veterans who die by their own hand every month in America, according to Travis Parker, CC Veterans Coordinator. That is about 22 per day and almost 8,000 per year!

This Flags for Freedom (3F's) display is sponsored locally by the Enterprise Civitan Club, Coffee County Veterans Organization, and Elba American Legion Post 42.

The American flag display was placed on the square in Elba for the July 4th celebration. Previously, it had been in the National Security Veterans Park and on the graves of area veterans.

## Area Happenings

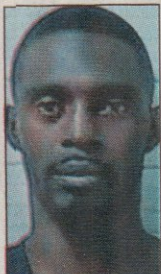
**THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT** will be holding its monthly board meeting Thursday, July 11, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in the Coffee County Commission Board Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION** will be held Monday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the community room at the extension office complex in New Brockton, Ala. Only one registration per membership for door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

**THE JULY 2019 MEETING FOR THE DAV WIRE-GRASS CHAPTER 99**, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. There will be an election of officers for the upcoming year. All members are asked to be in attendance. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

## Rolling domestic report in Coffee County leads to one arrest on multiple charges

On Tuesday, July 2, at approximately 5 p.m., the Coffee County Sheriff's Department was advised of a 'rolling domestic' reported to be traveling south on Highway 87. The report indicated the suspect had pointed a pistol at the victim.



Shepherd

Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said deputies made contact

with the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. After searching the vehicle, he said Kendrick Lamar Shepherd, age 31, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, and drug trafficking.

Shepherd was transported to the Coffee County Jail following this arrest. Chief Whitworth said he also has holds on him for Dale and Crenshaw counties.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time we've got."* – Art Buchwald

Last Thursday morning (July 4th) an e-mail popped in with a recipe for, and directions on how to make, homemade ice cream. Man did that sound delicious and the mental pictures of dipping into a huge dish of fresh ice cream still spin around in our head! We accepted, without missing a beat, that today's social demands call for low fat (or skim) milk in everything and not the heavy cream raw milk that our Jersey cows furnished during that bygone era, but the very last line of the instructions startled this homemade ice cream lover. After turning the crank until the mixture is well frozen the ice cream maker should pack the freezer well with newspapers and/or heavy cloth and let it sit for a couple of hours until the ice cream "ripens"! The person with those instructions clearly did not grow up in a family with six ice cream loving children, friendly, visiting neighbors and multiple relatives in the area!!!! Not only would the two hours of ripening have been a laugh around our house, but the additional instructions of "repacking" the remaining ice cream for later use was probably more comical.

It is frightening when celebrating the 4th of July with the American flag becomes too political for big business to continue. Last week ex-NFL 'also ran' quarterback Colin Kaepernick complained to Nike over the planned release of a USA-themed sneaker, which featured a Betsy Ross flag on the heel, according to news reports and PR released pictures. The company recalled shipments of those shoes already positioned to go on sale July 4th! Kaepernick is the (now ex) football player who earned his protesting stripes, not as a football legend, but by kneeling during the playing of the national anthem prior to a football game. We are puzzled at the idea the picture of the first American flag is "an offensive symbol because of its connection to an era of slavery". It did exist during the early slavery days, but the list of other such things is l-o-o-o-n-g. Should Daniel Boone and his coonskin cap, the Alamo, and all other images from the Early America era also be off limits?

Still thinking about the Kaepernick comments, we seem to recall that President Obama used a flag display in some of his politicking that included the copies of the flag known as the Betsy Ross flag. What has changed in that short time – besides Kaepernick? Well this is America and we each have the right to personal opinions, whatever the motive. Our problems start with your 'demand' that others share your opinion. This is one of those times when we are adamant to stick with our flag waving loyalty to America and the American flag. If it offends someone, so be it . . . we will continue to be proud and up front with our support of the United States of America. Oh, and for those who don't know, we walked the walk as well as talked the talk and wore the U. S. Army uniform to insure this freedom . . . and did it twice. The first time was as a volunteer (to beat the draft) and the second round followed a "President Kennedy needs your knowledge and expertise" telegram. Our thanks comes from the satisfaction of knowing that these freedoms still exist.



Dylan Seay of Elba captured this photo of downtown Elba during the Let Freedom Ring fireworks with his drone last Thursday night, July 4, in Elba. He was kind enough to share it with The Elba Clipper so many other could see the pure beauty of the city at night on the Fourth of July with fireworks exploding above the buildings.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, July 1, and Sunday, July 7, made the following arrests: one for driving under the influence, one for possession of a controlled substance, three for possession of marijuana, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for an arrest on warrants.

There were eight traffic citations and 16 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of July 1 – July 7.

**MONDAY, JULY 1** – Officers were out with subjects in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Farris Ave sitting in the roadway – advised the subjects were leaving the area (12:29 a.m.); Officers responded to a business on Hwy 203 in reference to an unwanted guest – officers spoke with the complainant and advised the subject was trespassing from the property (8:30 p.m.); Officers re-

sponded to area of Mullins Circle in reference to a report of a male subject extremely distraught advising that someone was trying to shoot him – officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate any suspicious activity or individuals (10:21 p.m.); Officers responded to the area of Simmons St in reference to a male subject possible experiencing mental health issues acting extremely delusional – officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate any suspicious activity or individuals (10:27 p.m.); Officers were out with a male subject in an alleyway in the area of Claxton Ave and Davis St – officers requested EMS in reference to the subject possibly experiencing a medical emergency – Haynes ambulance responded and transported subject to an area hospital (10:42 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JULY 2** – Officers assisted Coffee County units with a rolling domestic disturbance in the

area of Hwy 87 N (5:24 p.m.); Officers were out with a juvenile subject spotlighting cars passing by in the area of County Rd 242 – juvenile was advised to stop and not do it again (10:25 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3** – Officers responded to a possible trespassing call on Cordelia Ave (6:26 a.m.); Officers responded to Neil Grantham Dr for a theft of property call (7:30 p.m.); Officers executed a traffic stop on Neil Grantham Dr which resulted in three occupants being arrested – one subject was charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana and two other subjects each were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana (8:21 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Beaver Dam St (11:50 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 4** – Officers responded to a call referencing subjects at an abandoned property on Putnam St – individuals were trespassed from the property (3:56 a.m.); Officer met with a complainant in reference to stolen property on Hickman Ave (10:11 a.m.); Officer met with a complainant in reference to a tent busing the windshield of a vehicle on Factory Ave (3:21 p.m.); Subject was arrested for warrants at the Elba Police Department (7:37 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JULY 5** – Of-

ficers responded to the area of Hwy 84 near County Rd 263 in reference to assisting Coffee County deputies with a large crowd gathered in the area partying, loud music and traffic stopped near a residence – officers advised the area was cleared (12:25 a.m.); Officers responded to area of Cedar Lane Dr in reference to a subject knocking on the door of a residence (2:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Plant Ave in reference to a medical call with Haynes Ambulance (2:50 a.m.); Officers responded to the Elba Church of Christ on Troy Hwy in reference to a report of possible criminal mischief (9:32 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Claxton Ave in reference to a property dispute (12:46 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence in the area of Morrow Village in reference to a report of juveniles shooting fireworks towards a residence – officers advised all parties were given a verbal warning in reference to shooting fireworks in the city limits (8:33 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Putnam St in reference to a fireworks complaint – advised the subjects were given a verbal warning in reference to shooting fireworks inside the city limits (9:41 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 6** – Officers were out with a suspicious vehicle in the area of Davis St East – subjects were advised to leave the area (2:40 a.m.); Report of a possible stolen vehicle in the area of Hwy 166 – vehicle was later located in a tree on Old Samson Rd (4:21 a.m.); Report of an intoxicated person at Fred's on Hwy 203 – officer took the subject home and advised her to not be back on the road (11:14 a.m.); Report of a private property accident in the area of the Dollar Tree on Farris Ave (4:41 p.m.); Report of an unwanted guest at a residence on Ann St – subject was taken away from the residence (6:21 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 7** – Officers responded to area of Harper Dr in reference to a report of a large crowd gathering – verbal warning was given in reference to disturbing the peace (3:36 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Brunson Circle in reference to an unwanted guest (1:50 p.m.).

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## Alabama AG announces Court of Criminal Appeals upholds Coffee County (Enterprise) murder conviction

Attorney General Steve Marshall announced recently the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the murder conviction of Malcom Hunter.

Hunter, age 31, of Enterprise, Ala., was convicted in Coffee County Circuit Court in May 2018 for the murder of Ayanna Nneka Smith.

On January 21, 2017, Ayanna Smith disappeared from her home in Enterprise. She was last seen in the company of her boyfriend, Hunter. Witnesses heard a gunshot in the parking lot of the apartments, and Ayanna Smith was never seen again. One associate of Hunter's — Alec Musso — testified at Hunter's trial that Hunter came to Musso's house on the date of Ayanna Smith's disappearance with what appeared to be the lifeless body of a woman in his car. Another associate of Hunter's — Frank Miller — testified that Hunter came to his house on the day of

Ayana Smith's disappearance and asked Miller to dispose of a handgun.

Coffee County District Attorney Tom Anderson's office prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Hunter was sentenced as a habitual offender to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm the conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, June 28. Though Smith's body was never found, the Court of Criminal Appeals stated that the extensive circumstantial evidence presented at trial "was sufficient to support the jury's verdict that Hunter murdered Smith."

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Stephen Dodd for his successful work on this case.

## Troy University recognizes new students for compelling IMPACT

Troy University recognizes new students who have completed IMPACT orientation and enrolled in classes for the Fall 2019 semester.

Area students who attended IMPACT include:

Cameron Davis and Ashley Morgan, both of New Brockton; Kerry Hussey, Abigail Wilson, and Malinda Pasco, all of Elba; and Savannah Parker and Michael Wambles, both of Jack, Ala.

## Troy University to graduate more than 500 during summer commencement exercises

The Chancellor of Alabama's two-year college system will address graduates at Troy University's summer commencement exercises on July 26.

Some 524 students are expected to earn their degrees, of which slightly more than half will receive an undergraduate degree, 255 will earn their master's degrees and one will earn the educational specialist degree.

Commencement exercises begin at 10 a.m. in Trojan Arena.

Mr. Jimmy Baker, a Coffee County native and Troy University Alumnus of the Year (2018), was appointed to lead the Alabama Community College System in March 2017, after having served as acting chancellor since August 2016. He had joined the system as governmental affairs consultant.

A lifelong educator, Baker was a history and social studies teacher, coached high school football and basketball at Daleville High School, and served as assis-

tant superintendent and superintendent of Daleville Board of Education. He went on to serve as Coffee County's superintendent of education. In 1979, he was appointed assistant state superintendent of education for finance and served in that role for four years.

After serving as president of an investment banking firm, Baker managed the gubernatorial campaign of former Gov. Fob James and was named state finance director.

A graduate of New Brockton High School, he completed undergraduate studies in business administration at TROY and earned a graduate degree in economics and education administration, and an educational specialist degree from Auburn University, where he was also certified in school administration. He served six years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He wife, Joy, is a retired teacher and the couple has two daughters and four grandchildren.

## Supporting foundations merge for stronger support of LBW Community College

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College's two supporting foundations are now consolidated into one with the same purpose of raising funds and supporting the College's mission, programs, and students.

"LBWCC was created in 2003 with the state-mandated merger of Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College and the Douglas MacArthur State Technical College (DMSTC)," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "Each of those previous institutions had a supporting foundation, each with a mission and bylaws similar to the other yet raising funds often from the same sources."

The announcement culminates months of discussions, meetings, and planning said LBWCC Foundation President Wayne Bennett.

"The new merged foundation will build on the strengths of the DMSTC Foundation and will have far greater resources to support each campus," he said.

Mark Parker, who previously served as president of the DMSTC Foundation, is now vice-president of the merged organization and will take the helm as president in January.

"The completion of the

merger has provided us the opportunity to form one unified foundation working together for all the students at LBWCC," said Parker. "I would like to personally thank the Douglas MacArthur State Technical College Foundation and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Foundation Board of Directors for their willingness to help with this process."

Existing directors for each previous foundation continue service in the new organization, with staggered terms, he said.

The LBWCC Foundation raises funds through a variety of efforts, with the express intention of supporting LBW Community College, its mission, programs, activities, and scholarships. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, and donations are tax deductible.

To make a donation or create an endowed scholarship, contact Dr. Arlene Davis, LBWCC associate dean of institutional advancement, at 334-881-2293 or email adavis@lbwcc.edu. To mail a donation, make checks payable to LBWCC Foundation and mail to P.O. Box 1311, Andalusia, AL 36420.

# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

## BETTYE ADKINSON AVERETT

Mrs. Bettye Adkinson Averett, age 86, a former resident of Elba, Ala., died

Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at Kelly Place Assisted Living in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 6, 2019 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Jim Webb officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Bettye was preceded in death by her parents, Bertha Crawley Lashley and Walter Robert Lashley, along with two husbands Waylon Adkinson and Fred A. Averett Jr.

Survivors include her daughter: Donna (Tim) Bullard, Coffee Springs, Ala., sons: Steven (Charlotte) Adkinson, and Richard Adkinson, both of Elba; step-daughters: Nancy (Michael) Long, Banks, Ala., Stephanie (Randy) Huff, Clarksville, Tenn.; and step-son: Robert (Frissee) Averett, Auburn, Ala.; along with seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and three great great-grandchildren.

## JOSEPH HENRY PEDIGO JR.

Mr. Joseph Henry "Joe" Pedigo Jr., age 84, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, June 30, 2019.

Joe was born on March 2, 1935 in Chicago, Ill. to Joseph Henry Pedigo Sr. and Violet Viola (Chambers) Pedigo. On March 15, 1958 he married Mary Elizabeth Buzek, and they had two sons and two daughters. He subsequently married Peggy Jean Springer, of Danville, Ill., on March 30, 1968, and they had one daughter.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers James, Harry, and David, his sister Charlotte, and his wife Peggy.

Survivors include his brothers: Richard and William; his children: Joseph, Jeffery, Penny, Tracy, and Gail; grandchildren: Shawn, Michael, Asia, Brenda, Megan, Rhianna, Miranda, Stormy, Kelsey, Sabrina, Kricy, Sammy, Brent, Ryan, Kara, Nicholas, and Benjamin; and great-grandchildren including: Ivy, Ayden, Ariel, William, Apollo, Kaitlyn, Madison, Kaiden, and Gabriel.

## JUNE KENDRICK HAMM

Mrs. June Kendrick Hamm, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday morning, July 3, 2019, at her home.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 5, 2019, at the Elba United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family asks that memorials be made to the Elba United Methodist Church in memory of June.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mattie Lee Kendrick and Charles Edwin Kendrick.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years: Philip Hayes Hamm, DVM, Elba; sons: Mark (Margaret) Hamm, Cullman, Ala., Rodney (Teresa) Hamm,

Dothan, Ala., and Carl (Wanda) Hamm, Auburn, Ala.; grandsons: Stephen (Megan) Hamm, Harvest, Ala., Kevin (Carrie) Hamm, Greenville, SC, Bradley (Retta) Hamm, Odenville, Ala.; granddaughters: Sarah (John) Higginbotham, Cullman, Ellen (Chris) Hamby, Trussville, Ala.; along with eight great-grandchildren.

## DALLAS JAMES FARRIS

Mr. Dallas James Farris, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, July 7, 2019, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 9, from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Shane Thompson, Mr. Greg Bailey and Rev. Dr. John Granger officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery. The family requests contributions be made to the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 4768 County Road 410, Elba, AL 36323; or the Coffee County Vineyard, 245 County Road 131, Airtown, AL 36311.

Dallas was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Farris and Maude Hataway Farris; brothers, Bib Farris and Charles Farris; sister, Marie McCurley, and seven other older brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife: Linda Faye Farris, Elba; daughters: Melinda (Nathan) Drewery, Sonya (Paul) Rogers, and Sharon Blackmon, all of Elba; brothers: Wayne Farris, Elba, Connie (Mona) Farris, Desert Shores, Calif.; grandsons: Justin (Hannah Knight) Drewery, Blake (Nikki Hagler) Drewery, Brandon (Amanda) Byrd, and Dalton Bryan, all of Elba; granddaughters: Kayla Byrd, Savanna Blackmon, and Whitney (Cory Creel) Blackmon, all of Elba; great-grandsons: Cade Parmer and Bently Stokes, both of Elba; great-granddaughter: Lillie Stokes, Elba; and mother-in-law: Lenora Reeves, Elba.

## HARRY "TOKEY" WINSTON BOLAND

Mr. Harry "Tokey" Winston Boland, age 86, died Friday, July 5, 2019, in Opp, Ala., following a long battle with dementia.

He was born January 2, 1933 to parents Sidney Henry and Adele Grimes, one of eight children. He was given the nickname "Tokey" by the mailman as he loved to meet him and help carry, or tote, the mail. A graveside service will be held Sunday, July 14, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Peaceful Acres Memorial Gardens in Opp with Donald Hall officiating and Wyatt Funeral Home directing. Should there be inclement weather, the graveside service will be held at Wyatt Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years: Ruby Nell (Scarborough); daughter: Becky Boland Bryson (Corwin Padgett), Monticello, Fla.; son: Don Winston (Rhonda), Opp; grandchildren: Jesse Bryson, Dothan, Ala., Abby Bryson (Ryan Langan), Chapel Hill, N.C., Meagan Bryson Ahmad (Abdul), Tallahassee, Fla., Ashley Hall (Josh), Opp, and Zackary

Nelson (Mary), Homewood, Ala.; great-grandchildren: Nelson and Farris Hall and Mae and Rose Nelson; special friends & caregivers: Heather Bass and Julia Robertson; brothers: Bill, Charlie Jack, and Jearl Boland; and sister: Betty.

## WILLIAM OSCAR JINRIGHT

Mr. William Oscar Jinright, age 90, of Troy, Ala., died Sunday, July 7, 2019, at Troy Health & Rehab.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 10, at 11 a.m., from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Cary Maulden officiating. Burial followed in the Rosin Ridge Cemetery. Visitation was from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Survivors include his nephews: Jerry Jackson, Columbus, Ga., Kenny Jackson, Zion Chapel community, and Floyd Wambles, Elba; and niece: Linda Wilson, Ariton, Ala.

## DAKOTA "CODY" JAMES SIMPSON

Mr. Dakota "Cody" James Simpson, age 24, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, July 4, 2019, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 9, 2019 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Min. Philip Box officiating. Burial followed in the Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include his grandparents: Geneva Simpson and Bobby Simpson, Elba; father: James Michael Simpson, Elba; mother: Crystal Gale Styles, of Calif.; fiancé: Marisa Yost, Enterprise; half-sisters: Tabitha Brooks, Shanae "Nikki" Styles, Cayla Lemonte, and Gwen Simpson; great-uncle: Paul Simpson, Elba; and cousins: Nathan Simpson and Lucas Simpson of Elba.

Coffee County School System announces "Child Find" efforts for those with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

Parents of children with disabilities or those who know of someone who is disabled, are asked contact the principal of the local school or the special education coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided. Contacts include:

Tami Crosby, Special Services Coordinator, 334-897-5016

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### Volunteer training set for Coffee County Master Gardener program

A Coffee County Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course will be held each Wednesday, Aug. 28 – Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

By taking the course participants will:

- Learn more about the care and maintenance of many types of plants
- Participate in a practical and intense training program
- Share knowledge with children and adults in the

community

• Complete 50 hours of volunteer service with the Alabama Extension System and Wiregrass Master Gardeners.

Cost for the course is \$150 per person. Applications must be received by Aug. 19th, and the class is limited to 35 students.

To register or for more information, call the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596 or email: lee0003@aces.edu

### Extension system offering athletic turf management meeting in Ozark

On Friday, July 26, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will be conducting an athletic turf management meeting featuring Dr. Dave Han, turf specialist from Auburn University.

The meeting will be held in Ozark at the Dale County Extension Office. Anyone who manages an athletic turf is invited to attend this meeting. Topics to be discussed are mowing, aeration, topdressing, irrigation, drainage, fertility, overseeding, pest manage-

ment, and soil testing.

There also will be a discussion on maintaining pitcher mounds and skinned areas of an athletic field.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Dale County Extension Office (202 South Hwy. 123 Ozark, AL 36360). To register for the meeting, call the Extension office at 334-774-2329, by July 24th.

For additional information contact Neil Kelly 334-200-1519.

### LBWCC offering cybersecurity training

LBW Community College in Andalusia is offering a Cybersecurity Training session on July 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., in the Martha & Solon Dixon Center Conference Center.

This session is aimed at helping senior citizens understand the basics of staying safe online and how to avoid becoming a victim of cyber criminals. Topics will include how to keep your

devices such as phones and computers safe, how to identify common scams and fraud, and how to stay safe on social media.

Space is limited for this free course. Register in person in the Student Services office Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. – Noon.

For more information call (334) 881-2231 or nworley@lbwcc.edu.

### Birthday Girl!



Lennon Cowen celebrated her 4th Birthday Wednesday, June 26th. She is the daughter of Clint and Sarah Cowen.

Lennon was treated to a "dress up and make-up" party with family and friends on Saturday, June 29th. It was a perfect fit for the little princess and her friends!

Lennon has two big brothers, Jackson and Shaw Martin.

Grandparents in Elba are Jeff and Sharon Cowen.

### RWCC's monthly meeting set for July, 17th

The Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) will meet Wednesday, July 17, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

The guest speakers will be Sheila Harris, director of the Enterprise Public Library, and Matt Larson, founder of Annie's Outreach. Social time begins at 11; optional \$12 buffet at 11:30; and the program begins at noon.

Everyone is invited, but reservations are necessary to ensure adequate food and seating. RSVP by calling Jan White at 494-3763 or email: rwcreservations@gmail.com.

### Lifestyles News is due on Mondays!



For three years now, Adela Duncan has sold her cinnamon-covered tortillas as the Let Freedom Ring event in Elba and given the profits to the Elba High School band program, in which her son, Enrique, is a member of the band. Last Thursday, July 4, was no different, except Duncan said Independence Day has taken on a whole new meaning for her now because Enrique has chosen to serve his country even before graduating high school. He has spent this summer in basic training for the Alabama National Guard, and Duncan showed off her pride in her son in selling the tortillas for his band and adorning her 'booth' with his enlistment photo.

### Independence Day takes on new meaning for Elba's Adela Duncan

by Jack West, Intern

Adela Duncan stayed up all night July 3rd. She has a braid that falls past her shoulders and a box full of cinnamon-covered fried tortillas.

Duncan has been selling the tortillas at the Let Freedom Ring celebration for three years, and all of the money she makes goes into the Elba High School Band program. This year was no different as she was on the square in downtown Elba last Thursday evening, July 4, selling her tortillas.

Her son, Enrique Duncan, plays in that band. He has played multiple different instruments, but his favorite is guitar.

Adela said one of the rooms in her house was filled with guitars and workout equipment.

Still in high school, Enrique has spent his summer at basic training for the U.S. Army National Guard at Ft. Benning, Ga.—hence the workout equipment. He will be a senior this upcoming school year at Elba High School.

Adela said her son watched lots of videos online about people who had joined the military. She said he decided that this was the right path for him.

"I think he thought he knew what he was getting into," Adela said. "He didn't have a clue."



Enrique Duncan, an upcoming senior at Elba High School, has spent his summer at Ft. Benning in Georgia going through basic training for the Army National Guard. His enlistment photo was the focal point of his mom's booth at last Thursday's Let Freedom Ring event in Elba. Also in basic training this summer, but in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, is Jacob Rodriguez of Elba. Jacob and Enrique are classmates at Elba High School and both will be seniors this upcoming school year. Jacob is the son of Amy (Giles) Sewell of Elba.

Enrique's enlistment picture dominated Adela's tortilla-laden table last Thursday evening.

"This year, Fourth of July means more," Adela said. "It's personal now."

Adela does not help plan the celebration. She is not a large corporate donor with

her name on the stage.

However, she sets up her table underneath the only oak tree left on the courthouse square. She stays up all night to make the cinnamon tortillas and then gives the money to her son's high school band. She's a small-town celebration.

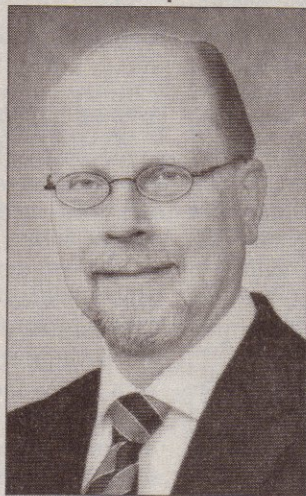
### Riedel announces retirement intent as president of LBW Community College

Dr. Herbert H. J. Riedel, president of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College since January 2009, has informed the Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System of his intention to retire effective September 1, 2019.

"It has been a great honor to serve the State of Alabama, the Alabama Community College System, and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College for over ten years," said Riedel. "I am proud of the advances my College achieved during this time and the outstanding team of competent, caring, and highly professional faculty and staff that we have built over the years. The College is well positioned to move forward in its next phase of growth and service to its students and communities. I am blessed to be able to retire at a time in my life when I have the ability and desire to take on new major, long-term challenges and commitments."

Riedel oversaw six major construction projects, the construction of LBW's first student housing complex (which was nationally recognized), the securing of \$13 million in federal grants, the raising of \$3.4

million in private funds, the doubling of the net assets of each of two College foundations to a combined \$6.4 million, the merger of the two foundations, the institution of an honors program, advances in technology and online instruction, increases in dual enrollment, new program options in advanced manufacturing and new short-term skills training programs, an exceptionally positive SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation, national recognition for student success (including the highest fall to fall retention rate in the state), and many innovations. All of this was accomplished in a fiscally responsible manner during a time of diminished state funding, through public-private partnerships and conservative fiscal management without incurring any indebtedness, thereby resulting in stable, robust College finances.



Dr. Herbert Riedel

During his time at LBWCC, Riedel served on the Chancellor's Budget Allocation Committee and co-chaired the state's Dual Enrollment Policy Review Committee. He also served three times as a panelist in the University of Alabama Community College Leadership Academy. Dr. Riedel represented the Alabama Community College System on the Alabama Council of Presidents and serves as Chair of the AGSC/STARS committee. He is a past president of the Alabama Community College System Presidents' Association. Riedel founded the Andalusia Chamber Music Society, which brings high quality live classical music to the community and is active in four local Chambers of Commerce, the Covington County Economic Development Commission, the Alabama Partnership for

Children, the Andalusia Ballet, and Rotary International.

In 2014, the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce honored him with its President's Award for "dedicated service to the Chamber." This year, he was elected to serve on the Opp and Covington County Area Chamber of Commerce and was nominated to serve as a member of the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

LBWCC's Vice President Emeritus, Dr. Jim Krudop worked with Dr. Riedel for almost ten years and said, "Dr. Riedel is a creative thinker, industrious planner, and a vigorous innovator. He values his faculty and staff at LBWCC and constantly encourages them to achieve exemplary goals. He practices a student success philosophy. He fully understands budgets and institutional advancement, and he has maintained his instructor skills in the classroom. Dr. Riedel is well-known and highly respected for his success at LBWCC. He has a reputation of being one of the best community college presidents in the Alabama Community College System."

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

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Romans 8:18 says, For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us. The word reckon is an old book keeping term that was once used to convey a judgment after doing calculations with the information that was presented.

Here, Paul informs the church at Rome, that after doing his calculations on all the things that he has already faced and will face in his life, it will NOT compare to the glory that shall be revealed. With these same words, I want to encourage you that the problems you are facing now, the hurt you are dealing with, the ends that you are trying to make meet, or even the ways that have not been made, are not even a comparison to the things that God has for you that he has not yet revealed to you.

Whatever you do, don't forsake the glory for what you think will be the end of your story. Eyes have not seen, nor has ears heard, the great things that God has prepared for you. Get excited about your future!



## The Cavaliers quartet set to perform July 27th at Newbia Baptist Church

The Cavaliers Quartet will be in concert at Newbia Baptist Church, 3819 County Rd. 330, Elba, on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge to attend this concert, but a love offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

## Fun Day event set for July 27th at Mt. Gilead Church, Hwy. 87, Elba

Mt. Gilead Church, located at 7638 Hwy 87, Elba, Ala., will host a Fun Day on Saturday, July 27th. There will be free food and fun for all! The event will be from 12 noon until 4 p.m. and is for children and adults. Bring a towel!

## Chestnut Grove UMC announces plans for annual Homecoming

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans to celebrate its annual Homecoming service Sunday, July 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Homecoming speaker will be Rev. Randy Hartley.

Special music will be provided by Willing, Vessels, Ernie Ray Keal and the Smiths.

Lunch will follow the Homecoming service. Everyone is invited.

## Harris Temple COGIC set to host community VBS later this month

Harris Temple COGIC will host its Community Vacation Bible School on July 18-20. VBS classes will take place on Thursday [18th] and Friday [19th] from 6-7:30 p.m. each night. On Saturday [20th],

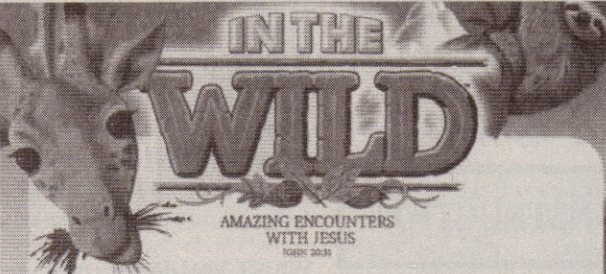
Harris Temple will host a Back to School Bash at Mulberry Heights Park beginning at 2 p.m.

There will be classes available for all ages, including adults! Everyone is invited to attend.

## Bluff Springs Baptist Church plans July 21st Homecoming

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will be celebrating Homecoming with special services on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Worship begins at 10:30

a.m., and Terry Thompkins will be bringing the special music. The morning message will be by Ricky Grant. Lunch will be at noon in the dining hall.



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## Round and About

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**Scripture:** Praise to the Lord from Creation. Psalm 148: 1-14

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### July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Tevin Kelley 7/7  
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Evelyn Belcher Manning 7/8  
Rev. Stanley Woodfolk 7/8  
Malik Kelley 7/9  
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Cedric Andrews 7/10  
Lydia Marie Kelley 7/10  
Kenya Martin 7/10  
Grover C. Purvis 7/10 (in memory)  
Shelly Davis Jr. 7/11  
Ramona Hardwick 7/12 (in memory)

**\*\* Mulberry Missionary Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress** will meet July 19-20 beginning at 9:30 a.m. each morning at the District building, located on Hwy 84 W, Elba. Theme is "Building Strong Relationships In the Body of Christ" - Ephesians 2:14. The annual address will be given by Dea. Willie C. Tillis, president. On Friday, following a lunch dismissal, there will be a 1:30 p.m. session. The Superintendent Drive and Awards will be Saturday, along with election of officers. Bring Your Bibles and Your Youth.

**\*\* Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church's Homecoming and Revival Services** will be Sunday, July 21 - Friday, July 26. The Homecoming Service on July 21st will be at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Bobby Rhodes, of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church of Andalusia, Ala. The Revival Services Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26, will be at 7:30 p.m. each night. Evangelist for the week will be Pastor James Taylor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala. Guest churches will be: Monday - Piney Grove, Elba Zion, Faith, Pleasant Ridge; Tuesday - Nazareth, Bethel A.M.E., Mt. Zion/Brantley, Greater New Zion; Wednesday - Rocky Head, Shady Grove, Mt. Chapel, Spring Hill; Thursday - St. Stephen, Opp COGIC, Mt. Sinai, Oak Grove; and Friday - St. John, Antioch, Friendship, Bethlehem, New Pilgrim, River Falls

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### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 7-11-19

Q: Why did God send His Son into the world?  
A: God sent His Son into the world to save it, not condemn it [read John 3:17]

**Thought to Remember**  
If you could only see you, the way I see you. ~ God

### Question for the Week of 7-18-19

Q: In the book of John, what did John the Baptist say was "at hand"?

**Today is a good day! Be grateful**  
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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# Church Directory

<p><b>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Rocky Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEAME CHURCH</b> Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST</b> Rev. Remonia Smith Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dale Morgan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH</b> Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> Overseers - Bro Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBBON BAPT. CHURCH</b> Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WOOD CHURCH</b> Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH</b> Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kevin Byrd, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Services... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST</b> Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH</b> Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p>	<p><b>OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH</b> Eddie Ingram, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b> Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRATISE &amp; GLORY WOODSHED CENTER</b> Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE A.M.E. CHURCH</b> James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Joe Farris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12:00 a.m. Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Interim Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> John Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>
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#### The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Mechanic Assistant

Opening Date: Immediately

Closing Date: July 19, 2019

#### Job Summary:

- Assist Chief Mechanic in general overhaul, electrical and mechanical repair work on city vehicles on various types of trucks and cars.
- Assist in performing maintenance inspections and needed services on various city vehicles.
- Maintain a clean and orderly shop area.
- Assist in maintaining, servicing, preserving and safeguarding tools and property worked on or utilized in shop.

#### Job Requirements:

- Ability to understand and follow technical repair manuals and written or oral instructions for various vehicles.
- Ability to perform heavy lifting and work in difficult positions.
- Ability to drive and operate various type vehicles.

**Benefits:** The City of Elba offers BCBS Health and Dental Insurance, State Retirement, paid vacation, sick time and holiday pay.

**Salary:** Based on experience and qualifications.

#### Applications are available at:

Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL  
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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Coffee County Highway Department Mechanic's Helper

Job Description: Perform tire repairs, minor maintenance and services on various motorized vehicles and assist with repairs to heavy construction equipment and other duties as assigned. Experience Preferred. Qualifications: Valid Driver's License, Fringe Benefits: Paid Vacation, Sick Leave, Health Insurance, Holidays, and State Retirement. Starting Salary: \$10.86. Closing Date is August 2, 2019.

Please apply [www.coffeecounty.us](http://www.coffeecounty.us).

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#### The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Machine Operator

Opening Date: Immediately.

Closing Date: July 19th.

#### Job summary:

- Operates light, medium and heavy equipment
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- Performs manual labor in accomplishing assigned work
- Utilizes hand and power saws, axes and sling blades at work site

#### Requirements of job:

- Working knowledge of the practices applied in use, care and safe operation of various types of equipment
- Ability to understand and follow oral or written instructions
- Ability to work harmoniously with other employees
- Have CDL or ability to obtain one

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of WILBUR O'NEAL DAVIS, SR.,  
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2019-056

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS / NOTICE TO PUBLISHER**  
**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Sr., Deceased, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2019, by the Hon. Steve Blair, Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr.,  
Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr.,  
Executor of the Estate of Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Sr.,  
Deceased  
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ORDINANCE NO. 07082019

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA FOR THE TERM BEGINNING NOVEMBER, 2020 FORWARD AND REPEALING EXISTING ORDINANCE 1996-2 DATED JAN 22, 1996**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELBA, ALABAMA THAT:**  
Section 1. That the salary of the Mayor of the City of Elba, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$20,000.00 annually.

Section 2. In addition to the salary provided for herein, the Mayor shall be entitled an additional \$75 per month for each 20 hours of Certified Municipal Official/Advanced Certified Municipal Official training attained up to a maximum of \$300.00 per month.

Section 3. That the salary for Councilpersons of the City of Elba, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$4,800.00 annually.

Section 4. In addition to the salary provided for herein, each Councilperson shall be

entitled an additional \$25 per month for each 20 hours of Certified Municipal Official/Advanced Certified Municipal Official training attained up to a maximum of \$100.00 per month.

Section 5. Upon presentation of proof of the completion of each additional 20 hours of Municipal Official training, the Mayor and Councilperson's salary shall be increased as provided herein beginning the next pay period after certification of proof by the City Clerk.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective on the first Monday in November 2020 and shall continue in force and effect until repealed by action of the City Council.

Section 7. In March prior to the next general election, the salary of the Mayor and Council shall be increased for the next term by the increase in city revenue in the current four-year period, but not to exceed the lesser of the average of employee raises or the CPI Increase for the time period.

Section 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed, specifically including Ordinance 1996-2 Adopted Jan. 22, 1996.

Section 9. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; if any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance

ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2019

/s/ Rolanda Jones

Councilperson

/s/ Gappa Wise

Councilperson

/s/ Jane Brunson

Councilperson

/s/ Tom Maddox

Councilperson

/s/ A R Williams

Councilperson

APPROVED this 8th day of July, 2019.

/s/ Mickey Murdock

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sally Bane

Clerk

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### VACATION OF COUNTY ROAD 496

Having received a written petition from the abutting landowners on Coffee County Road 496 requesting the vacation of said road and holding a public hearing pursuant to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission passed a resolution declaring County Road 496 to be closed and abandoned and no longer considered to be a public road. This resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission on July 8, 2019 and was filed in probate court, Elba division, for public record. The public road that has been vacated is described as follows:

*The entire length and width of the unpaved Coffee County Road 496 beginning at the intersection of said County Road 496 and County Road 427. Thence, continue easterly along said County Road 496 a distance of 580 to the point where county maintenance ends. Said road being located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 10 and the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 19 East, Coffee County, Alabama*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## BLAST (Continued from Page One)

homecoming.

"Once again, it's a labor of love...or whatever you want to call it," he said.

Despite all the work that Holderfield puts into this hobby, it remains only that: a hobby. Outside of it, he works as a radio engineer at two radio stations, one in Enterprise and one in Dothan. He said he thought about doing fireworks as a profession but decided that might ruin the fun of it.

"Thinking back, it would have been a pretty cool thing to do, but it's not always as cool because then you get into a whole lot of expenses and certifications and government overreach," he said.

However, Holderfield does take care to follow safety regulations as if he were a licensed professional. This includes keeping crowds at least 150 feet away from where he is shooting and keeping himself at least 75 feet from it.

Last year, Elba's Chamber of Commerce showed its appreciation for Holderfield by giving him the Spirit of Elba award.

"It surprised me," Holderfield said. "I didn't even know it was coming. My family got me to go to the banquet, and I went. Then, all of a sudden, they started talking about this guy, and I said, 'Wait, that sounds like me.'"

Again, Holderfield was quick to say that he didn't require any kind of awards to keep doing the shows every year.

"They're good people," he said about Elba. "I am just trying to help if I can. This is one way I can do something as a service to somebody."

Recently, Holderfield has been getting pyrotechnic help from Deanna Proper.

"She helps me with these shows," he said. "Since I am in a wheelchair, I can't do everything—I can do a whole lot—but she helps me. She's helped me with all of my Elba shows except for maybe the first one. She

digs pyro."

Even if Holderfield didn't use a wheelchair, the amount of work required to put together a fireworks show is much more elaborate and intricate than most viewers probably recognize.

According to Holderfield, a 12 to 14-minute show, like the one at last week's Let Freedom Ring celebration, takes a full three days or nights to plan. That includes choreographing the show and preparing each cake, the term for a group of fireworks, individually.

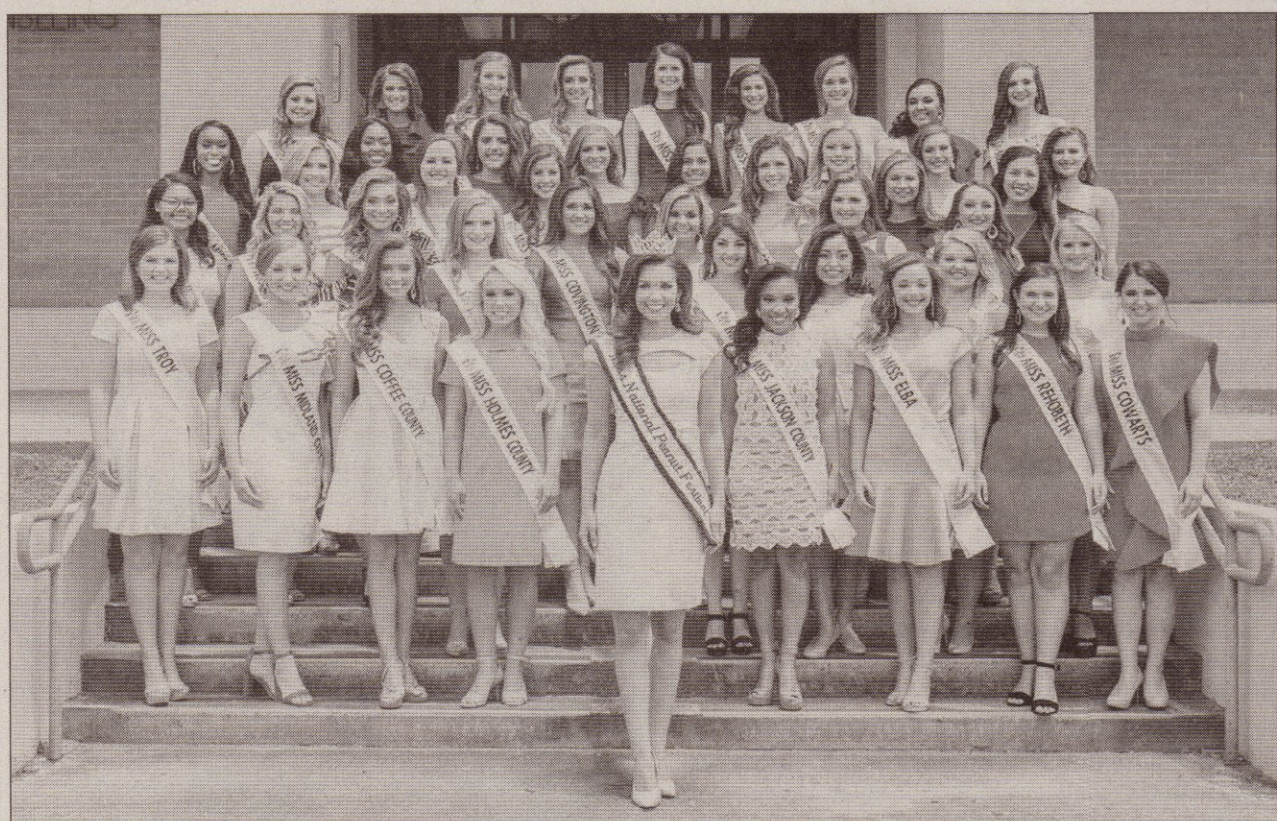
"Three-quarters of the show this year was totally new stuff," he said. "So, I had to put together a whole new shoot list. I couldn't just go back and pull up the old Excel sheet."

Regardless of the workload, Holderfield continues to put on shows for his family, friends and neighbors.

"This is the way that I can do something to bring some joy and happiness to people," he said. "The biggest thing is to see the show go off like you've planned, and everybody enjoying it."



Elba was ready for its visitors early Thursday afternoon, July 4, ahead of the Let Freedom Ring event!



## National Peanut Festival queens participate in NPF Queens' Day

Wallace Community College-Dothan seemed a little brighter on June 21st as the 2019 National Peanut Festival Queens visited the campus for the College's annual NPF Queens' Day.

It is the first official event for the pageant every year.

The queens were treated to breakfast at the College in a room decorated with the 2019 pageant theme, Life is a Highway... Drive it in Style! During NPF Queens' Day, the Peanut Festival Queens Committee guides the queens through orientation and pageant rules for all NPF activities, and the queens draw numbers to determine the order of competition in the pageant.

The queens also compose their written essays, an important part of the pageant competition. Wallace instructors will grade the essays, which count as 10 percent of the final score.

The group lunched at the Community Enrichment Center facility on campus and were welcomed by Hannah Johnson, WCCD instructor and a former Miss National Peanut Festival. Kenneth Doggett, building maintenance technician, led the group in the invocation.



QUEENS FROM COFFEE COUNTY AMONG PARTICIPANTS...(left to right) Shyanne Allen, Miss Zion Chapel; Madison Sieving, Miss Coffee County; Ashley Clark, Miss Enterprise; Julia Mae Sherrer, 2018-2019 Miss National Peanut Festival; Lynsey Manning, Miss Elba; and Destiny Hataway, Miss New Brockton.

Dr. Ashli Wilkins, WCCD vice president and dean of institutional services and community development, also welcomed the queens by applauding them on their positive influence on others, and the importance of education to their futures.

Many of the Queens already have a connection to Wallace. When Dr. Wilkins

asked for current/upcoming students and dually enrolled students to stand, an overwhelming number of Queens rose for recognition.

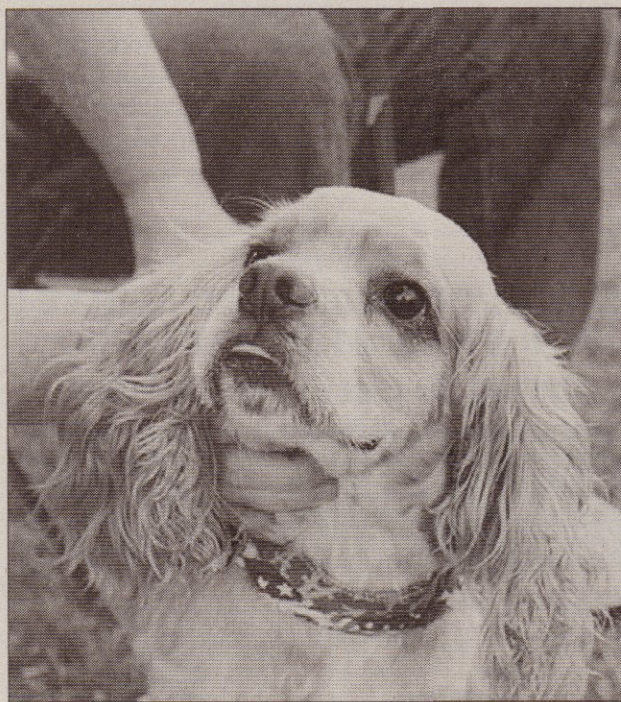
Also addressing the group were Janet Hughes, director, Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant; Julia Mae Sherrer, Miss National

Peanut Festival 2018-2019; and Beverly Lampkin, president, National Peanut Festival. Wallace Community College presented the queens with t-shirts and photos commemorating the day.

Wallace Community College has sponsored Queens' Day for almost 40 years.



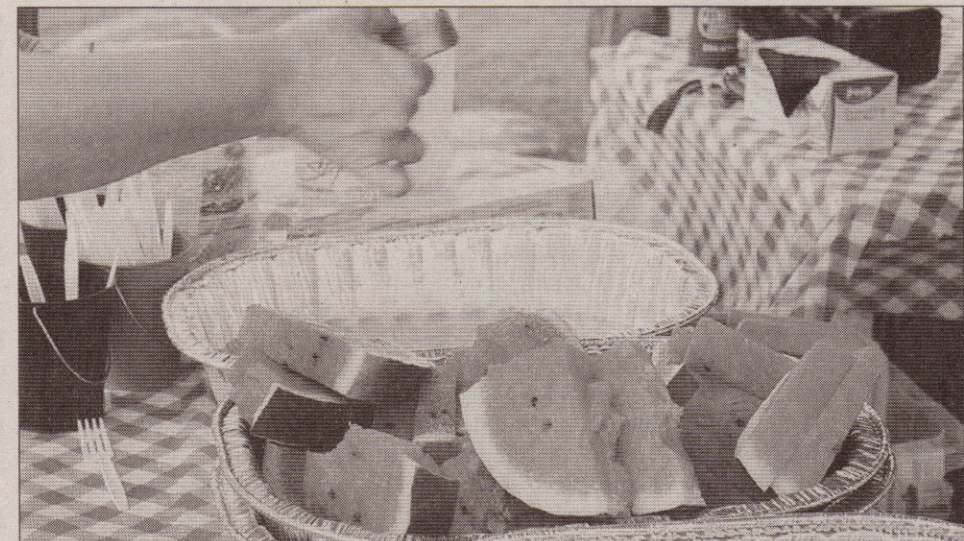
The Let Freedom Ring crowd was big this year from start to finish as those attending the event enjoyed live music, good food, and awesome fireworks to celebrate Independence Day in Elba, Alabama!



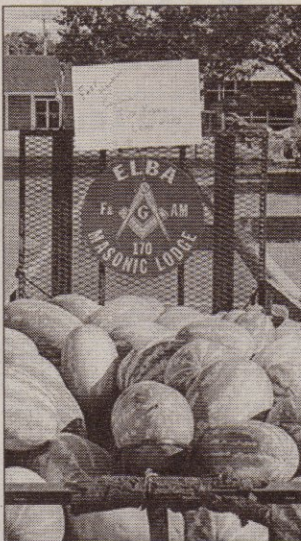
Even the "furry" friends got in on the 4th of July celebration in downtown Elba!



Facepainting is always one of the favorite activities for youngsters at Elba's Let Freedom Ring event.



Free watermelon was provided this year by the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 at Elba's Let Freedom Ring event, held July 4th on the square in downtown Elba. There also were watermelon eating and seed spitting contests held with the melons! And, whole watermelons were available for the taking, also compliments of the Elba Masons.



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## SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson really had a 'blast' at last week's July 4th fireworks celebration here in Elba and sported a pair of flag-tinted sunglasses for the event. His Mom had to tell him a couple of times to quiet down as he celebrated some of the bigger blasts, but he still had a lot of fun, as did everyone in attendance.*

*For what it is worth....*

\*\*\* *Three area all-star baseball teams are headed up to Tuscaloosa this weekend to compete at the state tournament, and while all three teams will be among the smaller teams in their age divisions, all the players and coaches are fired up and talking about bringing home a state championship. The three teams will be huge underdogs due to the small size of their leagues. However, the experience they will get traveling, staying in a motel and playing against youngsters their same age from much larger cities will be one they will never forget. I hope a lot of area fans join the teams up in Tuscaloosa and make a lot of noise for these very deserving players and coaches.*

\*\*\* *The Alabama High School Athletic Association will host its annual summer games next week in Montgomery and two Brantley High student-athletes will join others from all across the state in the annual North vs. South contests in various sports. The games are for the state's best upcoming seniors, and Samuel Tompkins and Emory Bush will take the field in baseball and softball to show off their skills. Games will take place in a total of nine sports at locations all across Montgomery, and again I hope that fans of the area student-athletes will head up and cheer for their stars. My daughter Melissa competed at the softball games back when she as in high school, and her MVP plaque is still hanging on the wall in her bedroom here at the house. So, the games do mean something to each and every student-athlete and they all deserve support.*

\*\*\* *High school student-athletes are hard at work conditioning for the upcoming seasons and the recent heat wave has taken its toll on everyone involved. I have heard of many cases of players having to stop and cool down while practicing outside, and that is why all coaches are required to take courses in heat-related health conditions. I know it will be hot when the season kicks off in late August, but the health of a student-athlete must come first, and it is good to know that the coaches are trained and ready to assist whenever needed.*

\*\*\* *In closing....* In a related sports article in this week's paper, it was reported that more than half of the state's 416 high schools had a player or coach ejected during a game in the 2018-2019 school year. Elba was one of only 99 schools that went through the year with no fines and ejections, and will be honored at the summer conference in two weeks for that accomplishment. There were 299 ejections in football and 105 in basketball, including 21 to coaches, and the fines amounted to several thousands of dollars. Two items that caught my eye were that no school was cited for illegal recruiting and that Charles Henderson apparently came away unscathed from its incident in girls basketball. The rules are written in a member handbook, and maybe after being fined they will be read.



BRANTLEY BULLDOG SAMUEL TOMPKINS



BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOG EMORY BUSH

## Brantley duo ready for summer games

The Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association will host its annual 'All-Star Sports Week' activities next week in Montgomery with coaches education clinics and competition between the state's best student-athletes with a North vs. South series in the sports of baseball, basketball, softball, cross country, soccer, volleyball, football, golf and tennis.

The schedule of series will begin on Tuesday, July 16, with baseball games at Riverwalk Stadium at 4:00 and 6:00 pm, and basketball games at the Dunn-Oliver Acadome at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

The schedule for Wednesday, July 17, will include softball games at Lagoon Park at 4:00 and 6:00 pm;

cross-country events at Auburn University Montgomery at 7:30 and 8:00 am; and, Soccer matches at Emory Folmar YMCA Soccer Complex at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

The schedule for Thursday, July 18, includes volleyball matches at the City of Montgomery Multiplex beginning at 4:00 pm; a football game at Cramton Bowl at 7:00 pm; golf tournament at Montgomery Country Club at 8:30 am; and, tennis matches at the Montgomery Country Club at 10:00 am.

The 'South' baseball team will be led by Brantley Bulldog pitcher/outfielder Samuel Tompkins, while other area players will include Jacob Cravey, of Andalusia; Cole McWhorter, of Charles Henderson;

McGwire Stanley, of Goshen; and, Jacob Killingsworth, of Headland.

The 'South' softball team will be led by Brantley Lady Bulldog outfielder Emory Bush, and she will be joined by Stephanie Schoonover, of Rehobeth.

Area players to compete in 'girl's basketball' include Madison Grimsley, of Abbeville; Niaira Jones, Charles Henderson; Samira Moore, Charles Henderson; and, Adrianna Galloway, of Headland.

Area players to compete in 'boy's basketball' include Willie Screws, of Barbour County; Dallas Howell, of Enterprise; Martavious Payton, of Georgiana; and, Braydon Whitaker, of Slocomb.

In 'boy's cross-country' the event will include Zion

Chapel's Justin Porterfield and Enterprise High runner Tyler Rathburn.

In golf action, the 'girl's tournament' will include Ashley Curtis and Emilia Smith, both from Enterprise, while in the 'boy's tournament' area golfers include Adams Kilpatrick, of Andalusia, and Emmett Lee, of Houston Academy.

In 'soccer' action, three Enterprise players will take part, including Jillian Martin and Morgan Harrelson, in 'girl's soccer,' and Sam Mazariagos, in 'boy's soccer.'

The 'volleyball' series will include area players Ali Wiggins, of Enterprise; Mary Beth Long, of G.W. Long; Sarah Guilford, of Pleasant Home; and, Autumn Mayes, of Providence Christian.

## Only school in county

## Elba High one of only 99 schools statewide to earn AHSAA 2019 'Sportsmanship' status

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has announced that a total of 99 member schools will be named 'AHSAA Sportsmanship' schools for the 2018-2019 school year, with Elba High School being the only school in Coffee County to complete the school year free of ejections of players and coaches, and no more than one non-sportsmanship fine.

"We are extremely pleased to recognize 99 high schools for this noted accomplishment," said AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese. "Our total fines were down 4.1 percent from the previous year, and we thank all our schools for their commitment to teaching good sportsmanship and upholding the regulations and by-laws created by our member schools."

Following are Fines and Ejection Data for the 2018-2019 school year:

## School Player and Coach Ejections

A total of 99 high schools went through the entire 2018-2019 school year without an ejection in any sport and had no more than one non-sport related fine. 258 of the AHSAA's 416 high schools were cited for a contest ejection by a coach or student-athlete, and of the 258 schools, 101 had just one ejection for the year and 17 of those schools had the lone ejection assessed to a coach. Football was the sport cited for the most ejections (299) by 144 schools, and of the 299 ejections, there were only seven by coaches, with 292 by student-athletes. Boys and girls basketball resulted in 105 total ejections, with 84 assessed to student-athletes and 21 to coaches. Other ejections occurred in boys and girls soccer (92), baseball (85), softball (19), wrestling (14), cross-country (2), outdoor track (1) and volleyball (1).

Area schools that were fined for ejections included Andalusia, one student in football and baseball; Arifton, one coach in basketball; Brantley, one student in basketball; Carroll, two students in baseball; Charles Henderson, two students in baseball and two students in softball; Cottonwood, two students in football, two students in basketball and two students in baseball; Daleville, two students in football; Dothan, three students in football; Enterprise, one coach in basketball and three students in football; Florida, one student in football; Geneva County, one student in basketball; Geneva, one student in basketball and one student in softball; Greenville, six students in football and one student in baseball; Headland, two students in baseball and one student in football; Highland Home, one student in football; Houston Academy, four students in soccer; Houston County, one student in football; G.W. Long, one student in football; Luverne, two students in football; New Brockton, two students in football; Samson, one student in football; Wicksburg, one student in football and one student in baseball; and, Zion Chapel, one student in football and one

student in basketball.

## Unsportsmanlike Incident Violations

A total of 26 of the AHSAA's 414 high schools were cited for unsportsmanlike incident violations that resulted in school fines. Football was the sport most cited with 11 in more than 4,000 regular season and playoff games, followed by basketball with 5, soccer with 4, baseball with 2, and cross country with one. Three did not list a sport.

The only area school to be cited and fined was Houston Academy, which was fined \$250 for an incident in soccer.

## Failure to Attend Rules Clinic/Take Online Test

A total of 75 schools were fined for 104 violations for failure to take a rules test. Head coaches at the highest level of each school's sports offered are required to complete a rules test for that sport each year. Coaches had the opportunity to complete the rules test clinic style at the AHSAA Summer Conference or online. Classes 1A and 4A had the most fines for failure to take the test with 21 each, with softball (19) and basketball (17) leading among individual sports.

Area schools that were fined for rules test violations included Andalusia, boys track and girls track; Eufaula, football; Kinoston, softball; G.W. Long, boys and girls basketball; and Pleasant Home, track.

## School Audit Fines

A total of 79 high schools were cited by the AHSAA School Audit Team with a total of 84 non-sportsmanlike related clerical fines, with only two schools having more than one school audit fine.

Area schools that paid a \$250 fine were Arifton, Carroll, Dale County, Dothan, Goshen, Samson, Slocomb and Zion Chapel.

## AHSAA By-Law Violations

A total of 82 schools and 13 middle/junior high schools were cited by the AHSAA for violating an AHSAA by-law. 33 violations were cited for schools failing to complete championship play. This violation usually resulted in a team failing to field a team in a sport that it had declared it would participate in. 8 fines concerned student eligibility rules and 6 were for violations of the Enrollment Rule, Failure to Complete a Contest Rule and the Outside Participation Rule. Five were for Sunday Play violations and four for Transfer Rule violations. Area schools fined \$250 for violations were Andalusia and Houston Academy.

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## SPORTS NEWS

## At State Tournaments

## All-Stars are ready to shine

Alabama Dixie Baseball will begin its 2019 'State Tournaments' this week with three teams from Coffee County set to make the long ride to Tuscaloosa to compete against the state's best youth teams.

All three tournaments will all be held at the Bowers Recreation Complex, with games set to begin on Friday July 12, and continue until state champions are crowned on Monday, May 15.

Following are previews of the local All-Star teams that will compete this weekend:

#### Kinston All-Stars Dixie Baseball AA

The Kinston All-Stars will compete in the Dixie AA State Baseball Tournament and will be looking to continue their banner season and bring home a state title.

The All-Stars will begin play in the eight-team tournament on Friday, July 12, at 3:00 pm when they battle Beauregard. A win will move the All-Stars into a Saturday showdown against the winner of the Ashford-Haleyville game at 11:00 am, while an opening round loss would move the All-Stars into an early morning contest on Saturday at 9:00 am against the loser of the Ashford-Haleyville game.

If the All-Stars avoid early elimination, they will play again on Saturday at either 2:00 pm in a loser's bracket game, or at 4:00 in the winner's bracket finals. A pair of 7:00 pm games is set for Sunday, with the finals set for Monday at 1:00 pm.

Teams in the annual statewide event include South Bibb, Abbeville, Munford, Metro, Kinston, Beauregard, Ashford and Haleyville.

Kinston earned its spot at the state tournament by

winning the District Tournament in mid-June, and team members include Easton Parker, Rylen Hawthorne, Evan Hilburn, Jhett Creech, Parker Weeks, William Smith, Ryan Blair, Bentley Smith, Jacob Fitzpatrick, Luke Carnley, Ben Kilpatrick, and Tucker Davis. Coaches are Andy Sanders, Justin Creech, Anthony Weeks and Brian Hawthorne.

#### Coffee County All-Stars Dixie Baseball AAA

The Coffee County All-Stars will compete in the Dixie AAA State Baseball Tournament and will be looking to continue their recent winning ways and bring home a state title.

The All-Stars will begin play in the ten-team tournament on Friday, July 12, at 1:00 pm with an opening round match-up against South Bibb. A win will move the All-Stars into a Saturday contest against the winner of the Heflin-Fayette clash at 11:00 am, while a loss will put the All-Stars into a loser's bracket game against the loser of the Heflin-Fayette game in a 9:00 am, elimination contest.

If the All-Stars avoid early elimination, they will either play in a winner's bracket game on Saturday at 4:00 pm, or another loser's bracket game at 2:00 pm. A total of five games at on tap for Sunday beginning at 3:00 pm, with the finals set for Monday at 10:00 am.

Teams in the annual statewide event include South Bibb, Coffee County, Heflin, Fayette, Ashford, Phil Campbell, Bellingsworth, Valley, Northside and Lexington.

Coffee County punched its ticket to the state tournament by winning the District Tournament in mid-June, and team members include Easton McKelvy, Jaden Deaundry

Baker, Cole Shehee, Powell Timothy Bane, Caden Kyles, Levi Martin, James Griffin Wood, Colton Williams Starling, William Jeff Adkison, Dawson Keith Smith, Kylen Radcliffe and Cayden Wallace. Coaches are Ashton McKelvy, Blake Wood and Brandon Adkison.

#### Zion Chapel All-Stars Dixie Baseball O-Zone

The Zion Chapel All-Stars will compete in the Dixie O-Zone State Baseball Tournament and will be looking to continue their historic season and bring home a state title.

The All-Stars will begin play in the ten-team state tournament on Friday, July 12, with a clash against Lamar County at 4:00 pm. A win its their opener will move the All-Stars into a Saturday morning battle against the winner of the Lexington-Fayette contest, while an opening round loss would move the All-Stars into a loser's bracket game against the loser of the Wicksburg-Central contest. If the All-Stars avoid early elimination, they will play again on Saturday either play in a winner's bracket game at 4:00 pm or in a loser's bracket clash at 2:00 pm. Five games are set for Sunday, with the finals set for Monday at 10:00 am.

Teams in the annual statewide event include Suburban, Munford, Ohatchee, Cottonwood, Wicksburg, Central, Zion Chapel, Lamar County, Lexington and Fayette.

Zion Chapel earned its spot at the state tournament by rolling past all opponents at the District Tournament and is determined to bring home a state title. Team members include Jackson Adecock, Brodie Stinson, Mason Stewart, Preston Edkins, Austin Jordan, Kavan Brown, Tyler Bass, Brady Flowers, Ian Herbert, Luke Caldwell, Joseph LeGear and Alex Wilson. Coaches are Dustin Stinson, Jeremy Flowers and Jeremiah Edkins.



KINSTON DIXIE AA ALL-STARS



COFFEE COUNTY DIXIE AAA ALL-STARS



ZION CHAPEL DIXIE O-ZONE ALL-STARS

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## “SPORTSMANSHIP”

#### Failure to Report Scores in a Timely Manner

A total of 39 violations were related to failure to report football scores in a timely manner. That represented just under one-percent of the more than 4,000 football contests played during the 2018 season.

Area schools fined \$100 for this violation included Barbour County, Carroll, Daleville, Geneva County and Geneva.

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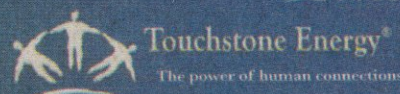
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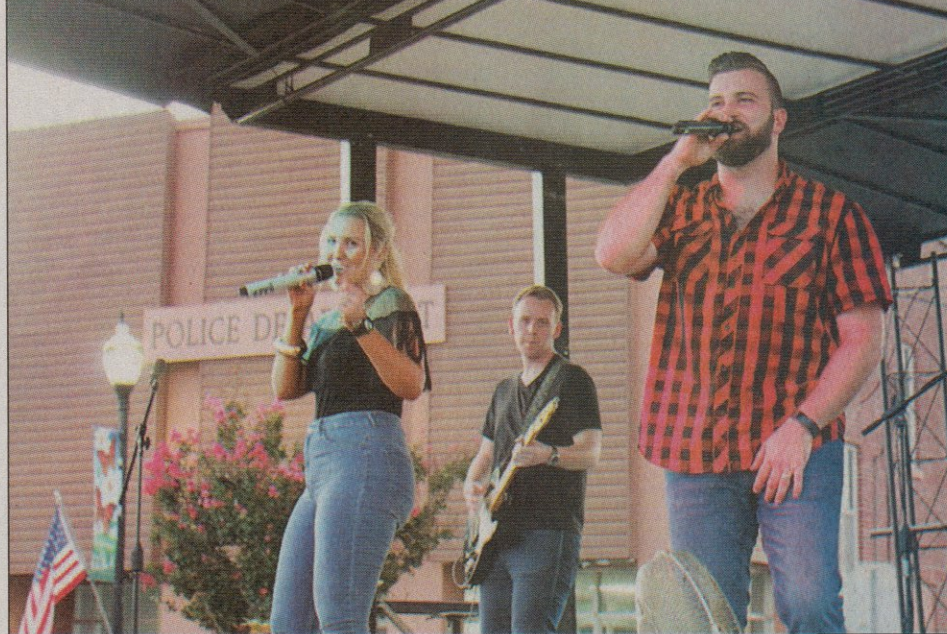


A Patriotic Golf Cart and Walking Parade opens the “Let Freedom Ring” event in Elba each Fourth of July, and there are always lots of smiles during fun event.

Some of the participants this year included: (top) the Miss Elba Queens, (right) the Wicker Family - Mark, Leigh and Dunn, and (below) the Coffee County 10U All Star team, consisting of players from Elba and New Brockton. The all stars will be competing this weekend in the Dixie Youth baseball state tournament in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Elba Queens reigned over the event’s festivities.



Right: Dr. Sam Self, pastor of Basin Baptist Church of Elba, offered the opening prayer for the Let Freedom Ring event last Thursday in Elba. In his prayer, Self thanked the Lord for the freedom to be able to gather and all join in prayer together publicly. He also shared a personal reason for celebration this Independence Day as he had received word earlier in the day that his grandson, who had been serving in Afghanistan, was headed home along with his deployed unit!



Nashville-based country music duo The Springs performed for the second year in a row at Elba’s Let Freedom Ring event on the 4th of July. The husband and wife duo, Stewart and Holly Halcomb, are Alabama natives...Stewart is a Coffee County native from Enterprise, Ala. The couple says they enjoy coming to Elba to perform because it allows them to spend the Independence Day holiday with family and friends.

## The Springs entertain at Elba’s Let Freedom Ring

by Jack West, Intern

The Springs, a married and musical country duo from Alabama, performed at this year’s Let Freedom Ring celebration Thursday, July 4, in Elba.

After the parade, the mayor’s address, and the Pledge of Allegiance, Holly Halcomb, one-half of The Springs, performed an a cappella version of the national anthem. Then, the full band played original songs and covers nearly non-stop until the fireworks started after sunset.

Stewart Halcomb, the other half of The Springs, and Holly are both from small-towns in Alabama. Holly is from New Market, Alabama, a town near Huntsville that is roughly the same size as Elba, and Stewart is from Enterprise, Alabama.

For the past two years, they and their band have come to Elba to celebrate the Fourth of July with friends and family.

Sandy Bynum, the director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, said last month that the city would not usually be able to afford The Springs.

“We feel blessed that they come to do this for us,” Bynum said. “They do this a lot to help us out.”

In addition to helping the city of Elba out, The Springs said they like to perform here because it gives them a chance to see friends and family—a luxury for performers who



Holly Halcomb, half of the The Springs duo, sang the National Anthem a capella for those gathered last Thursday, July 4, in downtown Elba for the Let Freedom Ring event. Following this, the Springs entertained the 4th of July crowd up until time for the night’s fireworks.

spend much of their time on the road.

“Coming here, Stewart sees a lot of people that he knows—a lot of family, a lot of friends,” Holly said.

The band even took Friday, July 5, off so that Stewart and Holly could spend time with their family in Enterprise.

“We have certain songs that we play when we know certain family members are going to be there,” Stewart said. “My grandfather just turned 85, and he loves Bob Seger’s ‘Old Time Rock & Roll.’ Whenever we play for him, we dust that one off.”

The Halcombs agreed that playing for family can be more stressful than for playing in front of 80,000 people.

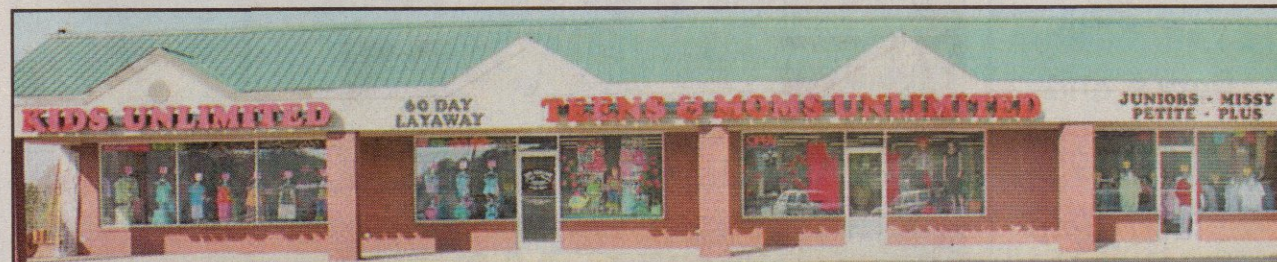
“In a place that may be

bigger, but where we don’t know a lot of people, it’s a little less nerve racking,” Holly said.

Stewart was blunter. “Family is the people that will tell me if I’m bad,” he said. “Family will tell you, ‘Hey man, I don’t really like that song.’”

The Let Freedom Ring celebration continues to mean different things to everyone involved—including the performers. For the Halcombs on stage, it was a chance to take a break at home and perform for the people who love them honestly. For their family off-stage, it was a chance to be proud of Stewart and Holly.

The people of Elba, meanwhile, got to listen to good music while they all celebrated together.



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The Let Freedom Ring fireworks definitely did not disappoint last Thursday evening in Elba!